

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Some Shortcomings in the infrastructure and facilities of some Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have come to the notice of the Samity. These mainly relate to shortage of accommodation, water and electricity.

(c) The Samiti is taking all necessary steps to improve provision of basic facilities in all Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas. Construction of permanent buildings is being accorded high priority. The ongoing works and temporary accommodation are monitored constantly for provision of basic facilities.

### Job Opportunities

3477. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared any programme for creating new job opportunities in accordance with the new economic policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target fixed for the year 1996-97 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) to (c). In pursuance of priority accorded in National Policy on Education, 1986, a centrally sponsored scheme of vocationalization of Secondary Education was launched in February, 1988 with a view to introduce vocational courses in class XI and XII of the system. The primary objective of the scheme is to enhance individual employability. Within the University education system also it has been the endeavour of University Grants Commission and the Universities to provide a built-in element of vocational inputs and specific skills to improve the employability of the students.

The job opportunities are assessed by the State Governments depending upon various course available in the States and also requirement of the employing agencies from time to time.

[English]

### Burma Road

3478. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to revive the World War II surface route, the old Burma Road;

(b) if so, the length of this road and the capital outlay involved;

(c) whether any portion of the expenditure is to be borne by Myanmar;

(d) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Myanmar in regard to this project;

(e) if so, the salient features thereof;

(f) the time by which the construction of the road is likely to start and completed;

(g) the benefits to be accrued to the country as a result of this road;

(h) whether the Government have kept in mind the problem of insurgency in North-Eastern areas before reviving this road; and

(i) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) A Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated with the Government of Myanmar to develop/construct road from Tamu to Kalembo. The road was originally constructed during the World War-II.

(b) Total length of the road is 160.525 kilometer and the cost of the construction/improvement work amount to Rs. 91.68 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Memorandum of Understanding still remains to be signed.

(e) Do not arise in view of (d) above.

(f) Work plan has not yet been finalised.

(g) It will facilitate movement of people and commodities across the border.

(h) The national interests of India have always been kept in perspective.

(i) Border liaison meetings take place regularly to strengthen cooperation in curbing insurgency, illegal trade and to develop better understanding between the armed forces of the two countries.

### Financial Assistance to Irrigation Projects Under AIBP

3479. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :  
SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :  
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :  
SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of irrigation projects selected for providing financial assistance/loan under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Scheme, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of financial assistance/loan provided during the last three years and the current year under the scheme, project-wise along with the terms and conditions set therefor

(c) the modus-operandi of releasing the funds under the scheme, and

(d) the status of the projects included under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) State-wise number of irrigation projects selected for providing loan assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme are as under :

Name of State	Number of Project
Andhra Pradesh	2
Assam	4
Bihar	2
Gujarat	6
Haryana	2
Karnataka	3
Kerala	1
Madhya Pradesh	3
Maharashtra	1
Orissa	4
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	2
Tamil Nadu	1
Tripura	2
Uttar Pradesh	6
West Bengal	1
Total	41

(b) Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been launched for the first time during the current financial year and as such no loan assistance was provided in the past. Approved Project-wise amount of Central Loan Assistance and the amount of first instalment released to the State Governments are given in the enclosed statement.

The Special Central Assistance to the States for timely completion of on-going projects will be in the form of loan at 13% rate of interest per annum during 1996-97 and at the rate of interest as prescribed by the Ministry of Finance in the subsequent years. The loans will be repayable in 20 annual equal instalments together with interest on the outstanding balance commencing from the following year. However, fifty per cent of these loans will enjoy a year initial grace period, after which repayment of these loans will be effected in 15 annual equal instalments. The loans annually

payable (by way of principal and interest) would be recovered in ten equal monthly instalments commencing from 15th June.

The amount of loan would be equal to the amount provided by the State for the project out of its own resources.

(c) The Central assistance will be in the form of reimbursement on quarterly basis after the expenditure is actually incurred on the identified projects for construction in accordance with the agreed schedule of construction. The first quarterly instalment will however, be released in advance to enable the States to mobilise on the projects.

(d) The projects included under the scheme are ongoing and have received investment clearance by the Planning Commission.

[Translation]

### Vasectomy Operations

3480. SHRI MANHARAN LAL PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had issued guidelines to all States in 1993 in regard to Vasectomy operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the guidelines for tubectomy operations and the centres where the same should be performed keeping in view the hygiene;

(c) whether the above guidelines are being followed by States particularly Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Revised guidelines have been issued in 1993 to all States/UTs in regard to Vasectomy Operations as well as Tubectomy Operations.

(b) Tubectomy operations including Laparoscopic Sterilisation as well as Vasectomy Operations may continue to be performed at the field/PHC level. However, it has to be ensured that sterilisation and disinfection of instruments are strictly followed so as to eliminate any risk of infection including risk of viral infection like hepatitis and HIV, by autoclaving of the instrument or boiling in water for 20 minutes or keeping the instruments in 2% glutaraldehyde for 30 minutes. Further one team with two sets of instruments may not perform more than 24 sterilisation operations in one working day.

(c) Yes Sir. The Guidelines are being followed in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(d) Does not arise.